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FIELD NOTES

FEBRUARY 3, 1966

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE JAN. 22:

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: DOGS HAVE BEEN RUNNING DEER THIS WEEK. HAVE RECEIVED A LOT OF COMPLAINTS. NOT MANY FISHERMEN OR HUNTERS OUT NOW. BEAVER TRAPPERS ARE GETTING A FEW BEAVER.

WARDEN WALTER HARRIS, AUGUSTA: ICE IS NOT VERY THICK, WITH MANY WEAK PLACES. ONE PARTY OF ICE FISHERMEN FROM LEWISTON REPORTED THEY RAN THEIR SNOWMOBILE ONTO THIN ICE AT THE END OF AN ISLAND AT ANNABESSACOOK LAKE, AND THE MACHINE WENT THROUGH. FORTUNATELY FOR ALL, THE WATER WAS ONLY THREE FEET DEEP, BUT IT WAS VERY WET AND FREEZING COLD. ANNABESSACOOK LAKE IS STILL GOOD PICKEREL FISHING, WITH SOME THREE-TO-FOUR-POUND FISH BEING TAKEN. VERY FEW FISHERMEN ON COBBOSSEE LAKE, AND NOT MANY FISH BEING TAKEN.

WARDEN HAROLD TUKEY, BELGRADE LAKES: FISHING ACTIVITY HAS BEEN SLOW, PROBABLY DUE TO TRAVEL CONDITIONS. ICE IS NOT SAFE FOR VEHICLES TO TRAVEL ON, AND FORTUNATELY, NOW, HEAVY SNOW CONDITIONS PREVENT IT. LARGE WHITE PERCH BEING TAKEN ON GREAT POND, IN THE VICINITY OF CHUTES ISLAND.

WARDEN ORAL PAGE, BELGRADE: ICE FISHING ACTIVITY STILL SLOW, PROBABLY DUE TO HEAVY SNOW COVER ON THE PONDS NOW. AM NOT FINDING MANY RABBIT HUNTERS. THE SNOW COVER HAS SETTLED A LOT AND SHOULD MAKE RUNNING CONDITIONS BETTER FOR DOGS.

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: BEAVER TRAPPERS ARE NOT DOING WELL.

WARDEN MELL RANDALL, TURNER: DOGS CHASING DEER AGAIN IN MOST AREAS. THREE DOGS KILLED A DEER ON ANDROSCOGGIN LAKE ON JAN. 13. I WAS ABLE TO FOLLOW ONE DOG ABOUT SIX MILES TO HIS HOME.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JOHN SHAW, DIV. E, WILTON, JAN. 28:

WARDEN GRAY MORRISON, KINGFIELD: JANUARY 25, 1966, WE HAD 12 INCHES OF SNOW; 30 INCHES ON THE GROUND AT FREEMAN. ICE FISHING VERY SLOW. COMPETITION AMONG TRAPPERS CONTINUES. FIVE TRAPPERS WORKING ONE COLONY OF BEAVER IN NEW PORTLAND.

WARDEN MARTIN SAVAGE, OQUOSSOC: A BROWN THRASHER IS SPENDING THE WINTER AT ISABELL BRYANT'S FEEDING STATION. TWENTY-FOUR DEER ARE COMING TO THE PARMACHENEE GATE TO GET GRAIN AT 2:30 P.M. EACH DAY. ONE BUCK IS STILL CARRYING ONE ANTLER. I SAW TWO BLACK DUCKS AT THE DEADWATER ON THE MAGALLOWAY RIVER JAN. 19.

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WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: ON JAN. 17, AT LITTLE KENNEBAGO LAKE, I OBSERVED A FISHER COMING DOWN THE SHORE OF THE LAKE. THE FISHER WAS ROOTING AROUND IN A SNOW DRIFT. WHILE STANDING VERY STILL, I SAW HIM CATCH AND EAT A MOUSE. THE FISHER THEN CAME ALONG THE ICE, PASSING DOWNWIND FROM ME ABOUT 10 YARDS AWAY. AS SOON AS HE WAS OPPOSITE ME HE TURNED AND STARTED BACK AT A RAPID RATE. TWICE BEFORE REACHING SHORE THE FISHER STOPPED AND STOOD UPRIGHT, IN THE MANNER OF A BEAR, AND LOOKED AT ME. HAVE NEVER SEEN A FISHER DO THIS BEFORE.

WARDEN ALDEN KENNETT, BETHEL: FISHING AND HUNTING ACTIVITY IS STILL AT A STANDSTILL. HOWEVER, THE SNOW VEHICLE OWNERS ARE ACTIVE. IT IS HARD TO FIND A WOODS ROAD THAT ISN'T BEATEN DOWN FROM THESE MACHINES. DEER ARE STILL COMING OUT TO ORCHARDS AND TO GET SALT AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD IN MANY PLACES.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, DIV. J. BINGHAM, JAN. 26:

WARDEN NORMAN HARRIMAN, ROCKWOOD: FISHERMEN ARE STARTING TO PUT SHANTIES ON THE ICE AT MOOSEHEAD LAKE, IN THE ROCKWOOD AREA. ICE VARIES IN THICKNESS. JOE KING SAYS 12 TO 14 INCHES FROM THE BIRCHES TO MOOSE RIVER, AND EIGHT TO TEN INCHES AT FARM ISLAND. PRESSURE RIDGES ARE FORMING. THEY ARE WORKING WITH THE CHANGES IN WEATHER AND SHOULD BE AVOIDED BY ALL PERSONS. A GROUP OF SNOWSLED OPERATORS WERE OUT FOR AN EVENING RUN ON THE LAKE ROAD OUT OF SOLON ON THURSDAY OF LAST WEEK. A MOOSE APPEARED IN THE ROAD, AHEAD OF THE LINE OF FIVE MACHINES CARRYING SEVEN MEN. THE OPERATORS SLOWED UP, AND THE MOOSE WENT UP THE ROAD AWAY FROM THEM AT A TROT. AFTER A SHORT RUN HE TURNED AROUND, AND BEFORE THEY COULD TURN AROUND HE RAN THROUGH THE LINE OF MACHINES. HE DAMAGED THE LEAD MACHINE, OWNED AND OPERATED BY RICHARD LACASCE OF SOLON, BY RUNNING INTO THE FIBERGLASS COWL. HE ALSO INJURED LACASCE BY STEPPING ON HIS FOOT. HE RAN THROUGH WITHOUT HITTING ANOTHER MACHINE UNTIL HE REACHED THE LAST ONE, OWNED BY PAUL RUSSELL OF SOLON. DAMAGE WAS SLIGHT, AND RUSSELL HAD DEPARTED FROM THE MACHINE. LACASCE'S INJURY HAS REQUIRED A DOCTOR'S CARE.